



C. Earl Hunter, Commissioner

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2008-2009 SCHOOL EXCLUSION LIST

1st through 12th grades

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are asking for your help to keep your child's school a healthy place to learn. **We request that you keep your child out of school, including before- and after-school childcare, when he or she has an illness that can be spread to others.**

DHEC has developed Exclusion Lists to help parents decide when children are too ill to go to school. The School Exclusion List applies to all students in grades 1-12, except those students identified as Medically Fragile. The School Exclusion List describes conditions and illnesses that keep students out of school, and the types of notes needed for students to return to school when they have been sick.

Your school may give you a brochure explaining the School Exclusion List. The brochure is also found on the DHEC website shown below. If your school-age child is medically fragile, your school may give you a brochure explaining the Child Care Exclusion List.

If your 1st through 12th grade child has one of the conditions on the list, please contact your school nurse or principal as soon as possible. If your child is too ill to attend school, please keep him or her out of before- and after-school childcare.

We hope that your child never has to miss school because of illness or disease. The best protection from disease is prevention. You can help prevent many illnesses by making sure your child's immunizations are up-to-date, and by teaching your child to wash his or her hands often.

If you have any questions about the School Exclusion List or about ways to help your child stay healthy, please call your child's school or your local health department.

Sincerely,

Jerry Gibson, MD
Chief, Bureau of Disease Control

Thank you for helping us to keep South Carolina's schools healthy places to learn.

You can find more information about the
School Exclusion List on the Internet at:
www.scdhec.gov/health/disease/exclusion.htm.